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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

POTYRAILO ET AL.

Examiner

Elena Tsoy

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/23/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 3, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3, line 3, claim 9, line 3, “a substantially different predetermined one of the plurality of curing environments” renders the claim indefinite because it is not clear how one curing environment could be different. For examining purposes the phrase was interpreted as “substantially different predetermined curing environments”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schultz et al. (US 6,004,617) in view of Poullos et al. (US 5,200,230).

Schultz et al discloses method for creating a combinatorial coating library, comprising: selectively depositing at least one of a plurality of materials such as organic polymers (See column 3, line 31) suitable for forming at least one coating layer on a surface of a substrate (See column 3, lines 18-67); selectively applying at least one of a plurality of curing environments using laser (radiation beam) thermolysis where bursts of energy of a predetermined duration and intensity are

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delivered to target regions on the substrate to each of a plurality of regions associated with the at least one coating layer (See column 27, lines 24-28).

Schultz et al fail to teach that laser energy are delivered to target regions on the substrate using a scanning mirror system having a mirrored surface positionable relative to an incoming radiation beam.

Poulios et al teach that a laser beam can be delivered to target regions on the substrate using a scanning mirror system having a mirrored surface positionable relative to an incoming radiation beam (See column 5, lines 22-35; column 6, lines 9-16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a scanning mirror system having a mirrored surface positionable relative to an incoming radiation beam for delivering a laser beam to target regions on the substrate in Schultz et al since Poulios et al teach that a laser beam can be delivered to target regions on the substrate using a scanning mirror system having a mirrored surface positionable relative to an incoming radiation beam.

As to claims 3, 4, 7, 9, Schultz et al teach that the reaction conditions at different reaction regions can be controlled independently (See column 10, lines 57-59), e.g. the predefined regions on a substrate can be subjected to different reaction temperatures by independently heating the predefined regions using a thin film resistive element (See column 27, lines 30-32), and reactants can be simultaneously reacted (See column 28, lines 63-65). Therefore, Schultz et al teach that substantially different curing environments can be applied to each of the plurality of regions of the substrate.

As to claims 6, 11, Schultz et al further teach that coating by spraying, spin coating, dipping, flow coating, sputtering and CVD, etc. (See column 18, lines.40-46).

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elena Tsoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1429. The examiner can normally be reached on Mo-Thur. 9:00-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive Beck can be reached on (571) 272-1415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ETsoy', is positioned above the printed name of the examiner.

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August 3, 2004